

“A Recipe for Joy”

Hebrews 13:17

I. Our Responsibility

A) To Obey

B) To Submit

Why Obey God’s command re: leaders?

- 1) God is sovereign over everything Romans 13:1
- 2) There is so much we don’t know Job 38-42
- 3) Christian obedience always includes faith
- 4) Obeying God is always what benefits us most
- 5) Obeying God brings God glory and bringing God glory is what we were created for

What about submitting to ungodly leaders?

Jeremiah 29:7; 1 Tim 2:2

What does it mean to obey and submit in the church?

It doesn’t mean:

- 1) throw _____ aside
- 2) it doesn’t mean do something non-_____.
- 3) it doesn’t mean acquiesce beyond scriptural limits _____

It does mean:

To be “persuaded” to trust and “yield to” God given authority in your church

II. Their Responsibility

A) Soul Watch

Ezekiel 3:17-19; Acts 20:28

- 1) A leaders exercises authority on the basis of responsibility _____ re: God’s people
- 2) A leaders goal is _____ soul

B) Divine Accounting

III. Our Mutual Benefit

A) Joyful Leadership

- 1) Church leadership is meant to be profitable
- 2) Church leadership is meant to be a ministry of joy
See: Rom 15:31-32; 2 Cor 1:24; Phil 1:25; 1 Thess 2:20; Philemon 1:7
- 3) Church leadership is not meant to be burdensome

B) Advantaged Followership